# Mountain Weather Forecast

## Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 24 Mar 2021 until 23:59 on Thursday 25 Mar 2021

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 23 Mar 2021 at 15:09 by Met Office Aberdeen

**Confidence:** High for a showery few days and for brief period of much colder weather on Friday. Lower confidence on day to day shower details.

**Headline for Wednesday 24 Mar 2021:** Bright spells and wintry showers, becoming frequent, heavier during afternoon. Snow above 600m. Very cold and windy on the tops.

**Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 24 Mar 2021**

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|---|---|---|
| **Blizzards**<br>No Likelihood | **Heavy Snow**<br>No Likelihood | **Storm force winds**<br>No Likelihood |
| **Gales**<br>High Likelihood | **Severe chill effect**<br>High Likelihood | **Poor visibility**<br>Low Likelihood |
| **Thunderstorms**<br>No Likelihood | **Heavy persistent rain**<br>No Likelihood | **Strong sunlight**<br>No Likelihood |

| **Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m** | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Time | | | | | | | |
| 00:00 | 03:00 | 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Light snow showers (night) | Light snow showers (night) | Light snow showers | Light snow showers | Sunny intervals | Heavy snow showers | Sunny intervals | Partly cloudy (night) |
| Precipitation probability | | | | | | | |
| 50% | 30% | 30% | 30% | 20% | 50% | 20% | 20% |

**Forecast for Wednesday 24 Mar 2021**

**Weather:** Mainly dry, bright morning with sunny spells and a few wintry showers. A band of more frequent and heavier showers will cross all parts later in afternoon and early evening with snow above about 600m.

**Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m:** 70% reducing 30% later in afternoon.

**Visibility:** Air will have great clarity resulting in very good visibility away from showers. There will be occasional cloud cover above about 700 to 800m. Later in the afternoon, the clouds will become more extensive and lowering, especially in west of area. Also patches of very poor visibility as wintry showers pass by.

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**Forecast for Wednesday 24 Mar 2021**

| Height (m) | Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from) | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 00:00 | 03:00 | 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 | 00:00 |
| **1000** | 37/48 SW | 30/40 SW | 31/40 SW | 31/41 SW | 34/47 SW | 37/52 SW | 35/49 SW | 33/46 SW | 30/41 SW |
| **900** | 35/45 SW | 28/38 SW | 30/39 SW | 29/40 SW | 33/46 SW | 35/50 SW | 33/48 SW | 31/44 SW | 28/40 SW |
| **600** | 24/34 SW | 20/30 SW | 20/29 SW | 22/33 SW | 25/38 SW | 27/42 SW | 24/39 SW | 22/35 SW | 20/32 SW |
| **300** | 8/33 SW | 7/27 SW | 8/28 SW | 10/31 SW | 13/36 SW | 13/41 SW | 11/37 SW | 11/34 SW | 10/30 SW |
| **Glen** | 14/30 SW | 8/21 SW | 6/16 SW | 13/26 SW | 15/30 SW | 20/40 SW | 16/34 SW | 13/28 SW | 11/25 SW |

| Height (m) | Temperature / Feels Like (°C) | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 00:00 | 03:00 | 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 | 00:00 |
| **1000** | -2/-12 | -3/-12 | -3/-12 | -3/-12 | -2/-11 | -2/-11 | -2/-10 | -2/-10 | -2/-10 |
| **900** | -2/-11 | -2/-10 | -2/-11 | -2/-11 | -1/-10 | -1/-9 | -1/-9 | -1/-9 | -1/-9 |
| **600** | 1/-6 | 0/-6 | -0/-7 | 0/-6 | 1/-6 | 2/-6 | 2/-5 | 2/-5 | 1/-5 |
| **300** | 3/1 | 2/-0 | 2/-1 | 3/-1 | 4/0 | 3/-1 | 4/0 | 4/0 | 3/-0 |
| **Glen** | 6/2 | 5/2 | 4/2 | 5/1 | 7/3 | 6/1 | 7/3 | 6/3 | 6/2 |
| **Freezing Level*** | 600m | 600m | 500m | 500m | 700m | 700m | 800m | 800m | 800m |

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

**Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View**

Winter-like conditions over higher ridges/summits. Strong winds and sub-zero temperatures making it feel bitterly cold.

**Forecast for Thursday 25 Mar 2021**

**Weather:** It will be a mainly dry, bright morning with just a few light showers. The showers will become more frequent and heavier during the afternoon, especially over hills in west of area. Showers falling as rain at most levels with snow confined to highest tops.

**Maximum wind:** Gale force southwest winds on the tops, average speeds of 30 to 40mph and gusts 50 to 60mph.

**Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m:** 70% reducing 40%, best in east during afternoon.

**Visibility:** Very good away from any showers so with occasional cloud cover about 700m. Clouds will become more extensive during the afternoon and evening with patches of poor visibility as showers pass by.

**Temperature:** **Glens:** Plus 3 Celsius rising to 9 Celsius.
**At 800m:** Zero Celsius rising to plus 2 Celsius.
**Freezing level:** 800m rising to 1200m.

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